

and the exterior wall surface 22 of the building 20 and functions to insulate and provide support to the siding panels 30. Similarly, the preferred embodiment also includes a siding arrangement where a sheet or underlayment is attached to the exterior wall, and used in lieu of siding panel backer boards.

While the invention has been described in connection with what is presently considered to be the most practical and preferred embodiment, it is to be understood that the invention is not to be limited to the disclosed embodiments but, on the contrary, is intended to cover various modifications and equivalent arrangements included within the spirit and scope of the appended claims, which scope is to be accorded the broadest interpretation so as to encompass all such modifications and equivalent structures as is permitted under the law.

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What is claimed is:

1. A support member for a corner post made of thin sheet material and used to enclose the corner of an external wall of a building, the corner post being spaced from the external wall to define a longitudinally extending hollow space therebetween, said support member comprising:
 - a single member having first and second longitudinally extending portions, the first portion lying in a first plane angularly disposed with respect to the second portion lying in a second plane, wherein said first and second longitudinally extending portions have lengths corresponding to the length of the corner of the building and wherein said single member defines a cornered inner surface for contacting the building and a spaced apart cornered outer surface for contacting the corner post;
 - a first support member flange extending outwardly from said first portion a predetermined distance and extending continuously along the entire length of said first portion and from said inner surface radially outwardly; and
 - a second support member flange extending outwardly from said second portion a predetermined distance and extending continuously along the entire length of said second portion, wherein said first and second support member flanges extend from said inner surface radially outwardly.
2. The support member of claim 1 wherein said support member is fabricated from a material having insulating qualities.
3. The support member of claim 2 wherein said material is selected from the group consisting of expanded, extruded or molded polystyrene foam plastic.
4. The support member of claim 1 wherein the support member has a length and thickness corresponding to and for filling the hollow space between the corner post and the external wall of the building along the entire length of the corner of the building.

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1 5. A support member for a corner post made of
2 thin sheet material and used to enclose the corner of an
3 external wall of a building, the corner post being spaced
4 from the external wall to define a longitudinally
5 extending hollow space therebetween, said support member
6 comprising:

7 a member having first and second longitudinally
8 extending portions, the first portion lying in the first
9 plane angularly disposed with respect to the second
10 portion lying in a second plane, wherein said first and
11 second longitudinally extending portions have lengths
12 corresponding to the length of the corner of the building
13 and wherein said member defines a cornered inner surface
14 for contacting the building and a spaced apart cornered
15 outer surface for contacting the corner post;

16 a first support member flange extending
17 outwardly from said first portion a predetermined
18 distance and extending continuously along the entire
19 length of said first portion and from said inner surface
20 radially outwardly; and

21 a second support member flange extending
22 outwardly from said second portion a predetermined
23 distance and extending continuously along the entire
24 length of said second portion, wherein said first and
25 second support member flanges extend from said inner
26 surface radially outwardly.

1 6. The support member of claim 5 wherein said
2 support member is fabricated from a material having
3 insulating qualities.

1 7. The support member of claim 6 wherein said
2 material is selected from the group consisting of
3 expanded, extruded or molded polystyrene foam plastic.

1 8. The support member of claim 5 wherein the
2 support member has a length and thickness corresponding

3 to and for filling the hollow space between the corner
4 post and the external wall of the building along the
5 entire length of the corner of the building.

1 9. A support member for a corner post made of
2 thin sheet material and used to enclose the corner of an
3 external wall of a building, the corner post being spaced
4 from the external wall to define a longitudinally
5 extending hollow space therebetween, said support member
6 comprising:

7 a single member having first and second
8 longitudinally extending portions, the first portion
9 lying in a first plane angularly disposed with respect to
10 the second portion lying in a second plane, and wherein
11 said single member defines a cornered inner surface for
12 contacting the building and a spaced apart cornered outer
13 surface for contacting the corner post;

14 a first support member flange extending
15 outwardly from said first portion a predetermined
16 distance and extending continuously along the entire
17 length of said first portion and from said inner surface
18 radially outwardly; and

19 a second support member flange extending
20 outwardly from said second portion a predetermined
21 distance and extending continuously along the entire
22 length of said second portion, wherein said first and
23 second support member flanges extend from said inner
24 surface radially outwardly.

1 10. The support member of claim 9 wherein said
2 support member is fabricated from a material having
3 insulating qualities.

1 11. The support member of claim 10 wherein
2 said material is selected from the group consisting of
3 expanded, extruded or molded polystyrene foam plastic.

1 12. The support member of claim 9 wherein the
2 support member has a length and thickness corresponding
3 to and for filling the hollow space between the corner
4 post and the external wall of the building along the
5 entire length of the corner of the building.

1 ✓13. A support member for a corner post made of
2 thin sheet material and used to enclose the corner of an
3 external wall of a building, the corner post being spaced
4 from the external wall to define a longitudinally
5 extending hollow space therebetween, said support member
6 comprising:

7 a member having first and second longitudinally
8 extending portions, the first portion lying in a first
9 plane angularly disposed with respect to the second
10 portion lying in a second plane and wherein said member
11 defines a cornered inner surface for contacting the
12 building and a spaced apart cornered outer surface for
13 contacting the corner post;

14 a first support member flange extending
15 outwardly from said first portion a predetermined
16 distance and extending continuously along the entire
17 length of said first portion and from said inner surface
18 radially outwardly; and

19 a second support member flange extending
20 outwardly from said second portion a predetermined
21 distance and extending continuously along the entire
22 length of said second portion, wherein said first and
23 second support member flanges extend from said inner
24 surface radially outwardly.

1 14. The support member of claim 13 wherein
2 said support member is fabricated from a material having
3 insulating qualities.

1 15. The support member of claim 14 wherein
2 said material is selected from the group consisting of
3 expanded, extruded or molded polystyrene foam plastic.

1 16. The support member of claim 13 wherein
2 the support member has a length and thickness
3 corresponding to and for filling the hollow space between
4 the corner post and the external wall of the building
5 along the entire length of the corner of the building.

1 17. A support member for a corner post made of
2 thin sheet material and used to enclose the corner of an
3 external wall of a rigid structure, the corner post being
4 spaced from the external wall to define a longitudinally
5 extending hollow space therebetween, said support member
6 comprising:

7 a member having first and second longitudinally
8 extending portions, the first portion lying in a first
9 plane angularly disposed with respect to the second
10 portion lying a second plane and wherein said single
11 member defines a cornered inner surface for contacting
12 the rigid structure and a spaced apart cornered outer
13 surface for contacting the corner post; W4

14 a first support member flange extending
15 outwardly from said first portion a predetermined
16 distance and extending continuously along the entire
17 length of said first portion and from said inner surface
18 radially outwardly; and

19 a second support member flange extending
20 outwardly from said second portion a predetermined
21 distance and extending continuously along the entire
22 length of said second portion, wherein said first and
23 second support member flanges extend from said inner
24 surface radially outwardly.

1 18. The support member of claim 17 wherein
2 said support member is fabricated from a material having
3 insulating qualities.

1 19. The support member of claim 18 wherein
2 said material is selected from the group consisting of
3 expanded, extruded or molded polystyrene foam plastic.

1 20. The support member of claim 17 wherein the
2 support member has a length and thickness corresponding
3 to and for filling the hollow space between the corner
4 post and the external wall of the rigid structure along
5 the entire length of the corner of the rigid structure.

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